

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION |) | CASE NO. INT-G-25-02 |
| OF INTERMOUNTAIN GAS COMPANY |) | |
| FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS |) | NOTICE OF APPLICATION |
| RATES AND CHARGES FOR GAS SERVICE |) | |
| IN THE STATE OF IDAHO |) | NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF |
| |) | PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE |
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| |) | NOTICE OF |
| |) | INTERVENTION DEADLINE |
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| |) | ORDER NO. 36639 |

On May 30, 2025, Intermountain Gas Company (“Company”), filed an application (“Application”) with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for natural gas service in the State of Idaho, effective on or after June 30, 2025. The Company concurrently filed the direct testimony of several company witnesses, which include numerous exhibits concerning the Company’s finances, revenue analysis, analysis of cost of service, and work papers in support of its proposed changes. The Company’s current base rates and charges were approved in Commission Case No. INT-G-22-07.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application, Notice of Suspension of Proposed Effective Date, and Notice of Intervention Deadline setting a deadline for interested persons to intervene.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company requests an increase in its collected revenues of approximately \$26.5 million, which represents a 22.2% increase in marginal revenue, or an overall revenue increase of 8.6%, and a 7.86% rate of return. Application at 3. The Company represents that its present rate of return is approximately 4.45%, based on a test year ending December 31, 2024. *Id.* The Company states that it seeks additional revenues to recover increased operating expenses and costs associated with plant additions, as well as revenues necessary to produce a fair rate of return. *Id.*

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if the Application is approved as filed, the Company represents that the average residential customer's bill would increase by \$4.69 per month, or 11.46%. Kivisto Direct at 16. The Company represents that the average commercial customer's bill would increase by \$9.26 per month, or 5.16%. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the Application includes the proposed addition of a property-tax charge to each customer class to reflect recent legislative changes. Application at 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that the Application also includes certain textual and formatting changes to the Company's tariffs to more clearly identify the total per-therm charge for each rate schedule. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company represents that it provided notice to its customers of its Application through news media and by a notice mailed to each customer. *Id.* at 5. The Company attached copies of the press release and customer notice to the Application. *Id.* at Attachments 1 and 2.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests: (1) a prompt review and consideration of its Application; (2) a determination that the Company's "existing rates are unjust, unreasonable and insufficient to provide the Company with a fair rate of return, and that the changes are just and reasonable"; and (3) the proposed changes become effective on June 30, 2025. *Id.* at 5.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application and supporting testimony has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission's office. These documents are also available on the Commission's website at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the "NATURAL GAS" icon, select "Open Cases," and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that **the Commission has designated this case as a general rate case.** As such, the Company's intrastate revenue requirement, and every component of it, both rate base and expense, are at issue. The Commission may grant, deny, or modify the revenue requirement requested and may find a revenue requirement different from that proposed by any party is just, fair, and reasonable. IDAPA 31.01.01.124.01.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may approve, reject, or modify existing or proposed relationships between and among rates and charges within, between, or among customer classes or rate groupings and may approve, reject, or modify existing or proposed relationships among and between customer classes or rate groupings. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission may abolish, reduce, or create rate blocks or categories of rates and charges; abolish, create, or reduce components of rates and charges; abolish, reduce, or create customer classes or rate groupings; and abolish, reduce, or create absolute or relative differences among and between existing classes or rate groupings of customers. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the tariffs, practices, rules and regulations, service, instrumentalities, equipment, facilities, classifications, and customer relations of the utility are at issue, and the Commission may address any of them in its order. *Id.*

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has jurisdiction over Intermountain, its filing, and the issues pertaining to this case pursuant to Title 61 of the Idaho Code.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company filed its Application on May 30, 2025, with a proposed June 30, 2025, effective date. The Commission finds that the Company's proposed effective date does not provide adequate time for Commission Staff and interested persons and parties to evaluate the Company's proposal. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 61-622, the Commission suspends the Company's proposed effective date for thirty (30) days and five (5) months or until an order is entered accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed rate increases.

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that persons desiring to intervene in this matter to obtain parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to this Commission's Rules of Procedure 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.072-073. **Persons who wish to intervene as a party must file a Petition to Intervene no later than 21 days after the**

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date of service of this Order. Persons desiring to present their views without parties' rights of participation do not have to intervene and may present their comments without prior notification to the Commission or the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission Secretary shall issue a Notice of Parties after the deadline for intervention has passed. The Notice of Parties shall assign exhibit numbers to each party in this proceeding.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that once the Notice of Parties is issued, Commission Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss a schedule to process this case and other issues as may be raised by the parties.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the following persons are designated as the Company's representatives in this matter:

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's proposed June 30, 2025, effective date is suspended for thirty (30) days plus five (5) months or until the Commission enters its order accepting, rejecting, or modifying the proposed rate changes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons desiring to intervene in this case for the purpose of obtaining parties' rights of participation must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission, under Rules 71-73, IDAPA 31.01.01.071-073, no later than 21 days after the service date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after the Secretary issues a Notice of Parties, Staff will informally confer with the parties to discuss the appropriate scheduling of this case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that parties comply with Order No. 35375, issued April 21, 2022. Generally, all pleadings should be filed with the Commission electronically and will be

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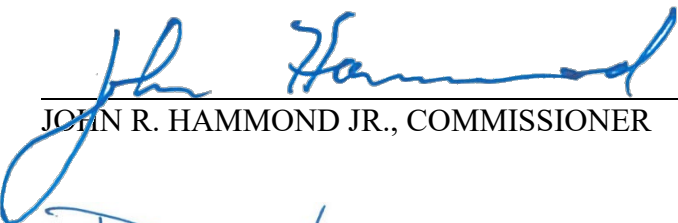
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deemed timely filed when received by the Commission Secretary. *See* Rule 14.02. Service between parties should continue to be accomplished electronically when possible. However, voluminous discovery-related documents may be filed and served on CD-ROM or a USB flash drive.

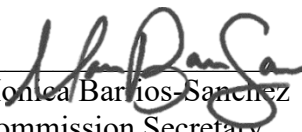
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 13th day of June 2025.


EDWARD LODGE, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary

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